

Talk About Invasion of Washington by Outlaws Does Not Disturb National Club Owners

NOYES IN DIFFERENT TO FLETCHER PLAN

Washington Ball Club Is Taking No Stock in the Proposed Third League—Comment and Gossip of General Sports and Athletics.

"All this talk of Fletcher and his pretensions of doing away with the National Commission, and organizing a third league, is of little concern to the officials of the Washington ball club," said President Noyes today in commenting upon the report that the proposed independent organization intends to include this city on its circuit.

"I have heard a lot of talk about activities of alleged agents of Fletcher in the West, but I know nothing official, and we are not giving the matter any attention, as we have already seen one outlaw invasion of Washington, and also its early demise."

While Washington appears to be totally indifferent to Fletcherism, the emancipator who would tear from the limbs of the poor ball player the cruel shackles of the National Commission, has at least the satisfaction of worrying one of the moguls. The latest to yell is Charley Murphy, the Horace Finkel of the Chicago Cubs.

Mr. Murphy arises to state that if Fletcher attempts to tamper with any of the Cubs the case will be taken to the highest courts in the land. Mr. Fletcher has not yet answered, but, in view of the fact that Murphy's statement was more than 500 words long, we may expect a come-back of at least 1,500 words from Abraham Lincoln II, who declines to be thwarted in his plans to proclaim the emancipation of the downtrodden ball players who received less than ten times as much money for six months' work on the diamond than they could hope to earn in any other walk of life for the period of a full year.

Is it that Fletcher is to meet the same fate as Al Lawson, of Union League fame?

Yale's Shift Play.
Not since the days when George Woodruff, at Pennsylvania, revolutionized all form of offense in football by his guards back play, of which tactics back was a refinement, there has never been so much attention paid to any formation as has been attracted to the shift which Yale used against Princeton.

The play, however, is founded upon an old principle, and instead of being entirely new, two coaches—Warner, at Carlisle, and Woodruff, at Pennsylvania—are being given credit for having conceived it.

The formation consists of pulling both tackles directly behind the center. At a signal these men jump to either one side of the line or the other, and the ball is immediately snapped. The idea is to give the offensive team one man more on one side of the line than the defensive side has, and then starting the play before the defense can shift.

The danger in the play is in the inability of the defensive line to get before the men reach the line, in accordance with the seven men rule, or in delaying the snap by the offensive team actually get off side. That it is a good play must be conceded. But it is not a new play, and it is not revolutionary. Yale's complete line shift to one side of center or the other, and then having him pass the ball to a lineman who runs in a different direction would appear to be much more deceptive.

The tackle shift was resurrected by Harry Williams, a Yale man, coaching at Minnesota, but when it was recalled to the heavy Gophers were soundly thrashed by Michigan last year. It was a good play, but it was not a new play, and it was not revolutionary. It was simply a case of Yale getting together, as only Yale can do, at the time of a humiliating defeat, and with only four days left for preparation, arousing a fighting spirit that simply swept the favored Princetonians off their feet.

Harry Williams and Tom Shevlin deserve much credit for their role in the big part in the victory, but it was a far greater triumph for Yale spirit than any supposedly new formation.

The Georgetown undergraduates have pointed that 15 to 0 score on the ball of Georgetown Field. Here's hoping that they will not have to remain there as long as the 17 to 16 ones did before giving way to another victorious total.

Baseball Trainers.
To an unprejudiced person who has had an opportunity to study a club, the ordinary baseball trainer is the greatest of modern times.

Like any rules, there are exceptions to this one, but this is about the time of the year when we commence to hear the signing of certain men to train different clubs and assurances are received because of the fact that great trainers are obtained good condition of players during the next season is assured.

As a matter of fact, the average trainer of a professional baseball club knows about as much about conditioning an athlete properly as a cannibal does about operating the latest type automobile. Ask the usual run of ball players what they think of their trainers, and, after they stop smiling, they will probably smile again.

Not so many years ago the Nationals were trained by a man whose vocation was that of a bartender, and to those who watched him minister to the players, the predominant hope was that he knew more about the occupation that kept him busy during the winter than he did about the profession he attempted to follow during the summer. And he was hardly an exception.

Like any man who enters any form of athletic sport or pastime, a ballplayer should be in shape in order to do his work properly, and it seems almost inconceivable that those directing the fortunes of teams should be led into signing as trainers those who tend to hurt rather than increase a team's chances in a championship campaign.

However, these alleged trainers are in no manner limited to ball clubs. Go to a prize fight and watch the ones who part their hair where their eyebrows stop, desperately waving towels during the intermissions and shouting advice into the ears of the ones who are so unfortunate as to have them as handlers.

Take for example Jeffries' camp before the fiasco at Reno. This champion was surrounded by a lot of broken down, half-dazed pugilists whose knowledge of condition was about as limited as a Democrat's chance in Pennsylvania, and still they were shouting about how well primed they had their man.

Along came Mike Murphy, a real authority. He took one look at Jeffries and came out with an unqualified statement, on which he based his whole reputation—built up during a career of a score of years—in which he said a Jeffries victory was an impossibility.

This is one of a hundred instances of a physical expert banking his judgment against a lot whose knowledge of condition was limited to wearing a towel over their shoulders and talking out of the side of their mouths.

There are a few wise trainers in baseball, but the majority are as foolish as an old maid trying to appear young.

The ordinary baseball trainer is enough to bring tears to the eyes of Hilliken.

Yale or Harvard?
The question of whether Yale was really strong or Princeton weak will remain unanswered until next Saturday's game when the Blue meets Harvard.

That Yale made wonderful strides after Tom Shevlin and Walter Camp took charge is only too true, but whether the form reached for the Princeton game will prevail against one of the greatest teams that has ever worn the Crimson is doubted by many.

Last Saturday Yale had but one man to stop, and while to accomplish this was no small achievement, the realization that to hold Pendleton would probably mean the collapse of the Tiger offense was enough to spur the New Haven men on to their highest form. To say because Yale did drop Pendleton in his tracks that the former Episcopal High School boy is a failure is unfair and misleading. In all the early games Pendleton showed his true caliber, and had been surrounded by a properly balanced attack last Saturday he would probably have shown as brilliantly as he did against Dartmouth.

Next Saturday Yale will not have to stop only one man, but a speedy backfield, which will receive proper support from an excellent line.

If Yale can win from mighty Harvard, the victory will completely overshadow the humbling of disappointed Princeton.

Princeton overconfidence + Yale determination = Blue victory.

G. W. U. Situation.
It is to be hoped that the George Washington football management will devise some ways and means to meet the regulations set down by the faculty, which threaten to rob the team of some of its most valuable players.

Although this fall's eleven has fallen considerably below the mark set for the past two seasons, it was believed that football had been placed on such a basis that its future was safe.

The passing of football as a branch of sport at the university would not only mean the abandonment of the most popular game among George Washington students, but would seriously affect the character of the school as an institution.

The faculty appears to be thoroughly justified in insisting upon the eligibility code being adhered to, and now it's up to the players to right themselves without delay.

Despite Yale's victory, Princeton has not lost heart. Bang!

Betting and Racing.
Despite the general impression that horse racing is dependent entirely upon betting, the reports of the various turf associations about New York would indicate that the sport may be successfully conducted under existing conditions.

Surely it is in its present shape that it was one year ago.

There appears to be a widespread feeling that the Democratic sweep in New York means the repeal of the anti-betting laws, but there yet remains to be proven that this has any more foundation than the idle dream of those who are most closely interested in the sport. That the laws may be less strictly enforced is possible, but nothing has as yet happened that would justify the prediction that the regulations are to be at once wiped off the books and open wagering legalized.

No matter what action may be taken by the Legislature, courts, or by Governor Dix, it cannot be denied that horse racing even in its present state is a vast improvement over the conditions that existed previous to the reform wave that closed many tracks in different cities.

Fixed races, the predominance of the track by the betting ring and many attendant evils have been minimized until racing is far more of a sport today than it was some seasons back.

The Meriden (Conn.) Record declares Harry Costello, the Georgetown player who did so much to beat Yale, and who, by the way, is a Meriden boy, was a bigger man in Washington Saturday night than in his native town. We take this to mean in the estimation of Georgetown men and not in physical bulk.

Yale has not yet arrived, but she is on her way.

JIMMY WALSH WINS FROM SAM KELLAR

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Sammy Kellar, of England, who claims the bantamweight championship of that country, will probably not get his chance at Johnny Coulon, of Chicago, for the bantamweight championship of the world.

Kellar based his challenge to Coulon contingent upon his victory in last night's fight with Jimmy Walsh, of Boston. In the ten-round go between the Fairmont A. C., however, Walsh outfought and outpointed the Englishman and won a decision handily. Long range boxing was the rule, except at intervals, when one or the other, stung to fury by a blow, would tear into close quarters and slug for a few seconds in an endeavor to score.

In the fourth round Kellar pushed Walsh's head back with the heel of his glove while they were locked in a clinch. This angered Walsh and the next second he threw Kellar to the floor with sufficient force to jar him.

Washingtonian Who Won Intercollegiate Honors



JOHN PAUL JONES,
Capital City Man Who Finished First in the Cross-Country Run for Cornell last Saturday. He Formerly Attended Force Grade School Here, and Prepared for College at Exeter.

Scores Made in Bowling Leagues on Washington Alleys

Commercial League.			George			Hardie			
PARKER, BRIDGET & CO.			Leach			Totals			
Hamdiboe	81	92	102	88	90	166	1.5	217	
Hugely	101	85	94	84	84	348	3.50	918	
Abraham	105	85	82	84	84				
Boche	88	113	88	88	88				
Siebeck	90	108	92	88	88				
Totals	455	484	489	477	460	462			
WOODWARD & LOTHROP.			ST. MARK'S.			Departmental League.			
Spanier	75	101	92	88	88	COMMISSIONERS.			
Riston	88	96	105	88	88	Mayers	150	1.65	196
Johnson	96	124	104	88	88	Albers	160	159	178
Baker	94	90	98	88	88	Hunt	221	189	177
Nally	132	100	110	88	88	Swaggart	186	172	157
Totals	495	520	573	460	455	Brosnan	197	149	194
National Union League.			District League.			TREASURY.			
HARMONY.			CENSUS.			Harwood	170	237	178
McIntyre	166	153	149	140	158	H. Smith	157	144	166
McCarthy	138	156	152	111	167	I. Smith	170	181	177
Quine	144	151	131	144	121	Parker	135	167	168
C. Williams	152	184	167	160	113	Totals	643	399	687
J. Williams	152	139	154	160	174				
Totals	801	848	747	764	733	"POP" ANSON AN ACTOR.			
COLUMBIA.			WESTMINSTER.			PITTSFIELD, Mass., Nov. 15.—			
Harris	160	198	188	157	207	Adrian C. ("Pop") Anson made his debut as a			
Cawson	153	151	115	167	127	vaudeville star here last night at the			
Norbeck	180	142	124	167	124	Empire Theater, which was so crowded			
Donn	131	168	149	167	124	that fans from all over Berkshire county			
Leckie	130	165	153	167	124	were turned away.			
Totals	795	794	750	764	733				

Diamond Duckpin League.			ENCIRCLING THE GLOBE IN A HUPMOBILE			
TOPAZ.						
Brown	89	109	102			
W. Hurley	105	87	91			
McGulick	75	104	91			
Wright	87	91	83			
Ott	92	105	129			
Totals	449	494	511			
RUBYS.						
Elsman	82	96	91			
Fegan	102	91	82			
Wooden	92	111	83			
Borden	85	79	90			
Rogers	87	124	105			
Totals	430	501	457			
District Duckpin League.						
CONGRESSIONAL.						
Hoefer	101	112	102			
Mills	91	114	89			
Holmes	104	89	89			
Levy	112	130	106			
Boyd	85	90	83			
Totals	494	531	483			
ROYAL.						
Dunn	105	98	128			
Weckley	92	102	106			
Carroll	107	121	96			
List	103	101	142			
Rodrick	88	122	102			
Totals	495	546	544			
Arcade Duckpin League.						
HOLMEADS.						
Carrara	90	92	103			
Wagner	87	101	84			
Cosmetto	86	95	97			
White	87	89	90			
Tucker	83	92	100			
Hurley	83	92	100			
Totals	447	490	482			
ENGINEERS.						
Hartsell	99	86	103			
Moyer	91	74	83			
Moore	89	102	75			
Travers	79	94	79			
Acton	82	100	82			
Totals	445	465	426			
Inter-omnational Duckpin League.						
ST. JOHN'S.						
P. Bisler	85	110	81			
F. Fischer	97	101	83			
W. Bieber	93	106	110			
H. Bieber	95	108	89			
L. O'Neill	94	94	80			
Totals	443	521	430			
KENDALL.						
T. George	82	82	85			
Reed	84	102	75			

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